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Applicant : Yamazaki et al. Art Unit : 2815  
Serial No. : 09/302,679 Examiner : Lourdes Cruz  
Filed : April 30, 1999  
Title : ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants call attention to ongoing litigation involving the assignee of the above-referenced application, and at least one patent that is a family member to the above-referenced application.

In a complaint filed June 11, 2002, and an amended complaint filed June 28, 2002, Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., the assignee of the current application, asserted infringement of one or more of the following U.S. patents assigned to them: 5,929,527; 6,355,941; 6,404,480; and 6,404,476. U.S. Patent No. 5,929,527, is a parent case of the above-referenced application.

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In Answers to these complaints, the defendants in litigation have responded with allegations of invalidity of Applicant's patented claims. The examiner's attention is specifically directed to the contentions included in the Third Affirmative Defense (paragraph 34), the Fourth Affirmative Defense (paragraph 35) and the First Count of the Counterclaims (paragraphs 50 and 51). These allegations do not qualify as prior art under 35 USC §§102 or 103. However, they are being provided out of an abundance of caution.

This IDS is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and, therefore, no fee is due.


Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.


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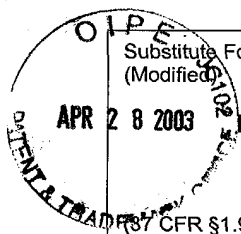
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2815**U.S. Patent Documents**

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**Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)**

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	AN	Acer America Corporation's answer to first amended complaint for patent infringement and counterclaims, Case No. C02-02800 WHA, District Court for the Northern District of California, filed September 24, 2002.
	AO	Acer Corporation's answer to first amended complaint for patent infringement and counterclaims, Case No. C02-02800 WHA, District Court for the Northern District of California, filed September 24, 2002.
	AP	AU Optronics Corporation's answer to first amended complaint for patent infringement and counterclaims, Case No. C02-02800 WHA, District Court for the Northern District of California, filed September 24, 2002.
	AQ	Preliminary invalidity contentions of Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation and AU Optronics Corporation, Case No. C02-02800 WHA, District Court for the Northern District of California, filed December 3, 2002.

Examiner Signature

Date Considered

EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.